

# Schedule of Events Spring/Summer 2016

Logos represent the location of each event.



Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center (Hwy 28)



Marsh Haven Nature Center (Hwy 49)



Horicon National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center (Hwy Z)



**April 2: Demonstration Prescribed Burn** 10am-12pm. Short presentation on the benefits of burning and observe a real burn if conditions permit.



**April 11: Opening Day for the 2016 Season** 12-4pm. Welcome visitors!



**April 16: Spring Work Day & Volunteer Appreciation Cookout** 9am-4pm. Lend a hand and join us for a free volunteer appreciation cookout, picnic and membership meeting starting at 4 pm. Please RSVP at 920-318-9518.



**April 17: Spring Work Day** Lend a hand anytime between 9am-4pm. Snacks provided.



**April 22-25: Old Marsh Road Open for Earth Day Weekend** Hike or bicycle Old Marsh Road Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon., and enjoy wildlife observation and photography.



**April 23: Earth Day Work Day** 9am-12pm. Grab your gloves and lend a hand!



**April 23: Earth Day Celebration!**  
-Live Critters with Dave Stokes! 1-2pm. Get hands on with live reptiles and amphibians.  
-Kids Craft: Recycled Musical Instruments 2:30-3:30pm. Make a musical instrument out of recycled materials and join in a sing-a-long.



**April 24: Earth Day Celebration** 9am-5pm. Plant milkweed, make a recycled craft, hike, and visit with the critters. Family friendly Monarchs & Milkweed program at 11am. Climate Change & You program by Ruth Johnson at 1pm. Movie 3pm. \$



**April 30: Nest Box Monitoring** 1-2:30pm. Check bluebird, purple martin and wood duck boxes around the center.



**May 2-27: Wisconsin Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest Exhibit** See youth artwork from the 2016 contest.



**May 6-9: Horicon Marsh Bird Festival** Marsh-wide event. Guided birding, hikes, bus and boat tours, kid's activities, bird banding demos, and special exhibits. For more information, visit: [www.horiconmarshbirdclub.com](http://www.horiconmarshbirdclub.com).

**May 7: BIRDcamp** 10am-3pm This bird-themed day camp is open to youth ages 6-12. Registration required. \$

**May 7: Wetland Water Bugs** 11am-12pm. Scoop water bugs from the marsh. Meet at Egret Trail floating boardwalk off auto tour off Hwy 49.

**May 7: Tom Tyers Wood Carving Demonstration** 12-3pm. From award winning decoys to life-like feathers, wood carver Tom Tyers has been creating carved masterpieces for most of his life.

**May 8: Birds, Butterflies, and Your Backyard** 11am-12pm. Program on making a bird and butterfly friendly backyard \$.

**May 12: Stories at the Marsh** 10-11am. Who's Hatching? Stories and a craft!

**May 13 & 14: Night in the Museum Sleepover** 6pm Friday-9am Saturday. Moonlight hike, campfire, movie, and animal ambassador program. Registration required. \$

**May 14: Wildflowers for Wildlife** 9am-1pm. Native plant sale, displays and more at DNR Education Center on Hwy 28. Native landscape demonstration tours given at the Horicon Refuge Visitor Center (Cty Z) between 11am-1pm. Visit [www.horiconmarsh.org](http://www.horiconmarsh.org) for more info.

**May 20: Night Sounds Hike** 8:30-9:30pm. Woodcock, rails and wails oh my! Who's calling once the sun goes down?

**May 21: Nature Journaling** 12-4pm. Discover how you can use nature as your inspiration and guide to writing. Registration required. \$

**May 25: Spring Migrant Bird Hike** 7:30-9am. Search for songbirds and other migrants!

**Jun, Jul, Aug: Old Marsh Road Open for Public Access** Hike or bicycle Old Marsh Road seven days a week.

**June 4-5: Hiking, Bicycling, Fishing Weekend at Horicon Marsh** Marsh-wide.

**June 4: Tour de Marsh** Marsh-wide event. Explore the marsh by bicycle or vehicle at your leisure. Rest stops with information at various locations.

**June 4: Herp Hike with LIVE Animals** 10-11:30am. Search for herps and meet some of the wildlife ambassadors!

**\*\* All events are subject to change; please check the appropriate website for changes and/or additional events. \*\***



**June 4: Family Bike Tours** Pedal portions of the refuge with a guide. Meet at the main parking lot of refuge auto tour (Hwy 49). Tours offered from: 9-10am and 10:30am-11:30am.



**June 4: Discovery Trail Hike** 1-2pm. Explore the new Sense of Wonder Nature Discovery Trail with a guide. Fun kids activities along the way.



**June 4-5: Wisconsin Free Fishing Days** Designated areas. No license required.



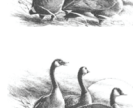
**June 5: Nature Art for Adults** 1-5pm. Create works of art from natural materials. Draw inspiration from nature and write, paint, glue, bead, color, rhyme, and create. Registration required.



**June 9: Stories at the Marsh** 10-11am. Birds of a Feather. Stories and a craft!



**June 11 & 12: Scouting Weekend** 9am-5pm. All Scouts in uniform receive free admission to Marsh Haven during this special weekend.



**June 18: Wisconsin Purple Martin Association's MartinFest 2016 at Marsh Haven Nature Center**



**June 20: Walk a Mile in a Wildlife Biologist's Shoes** 10-11:30am. Learn how biologists capture, band and release geese plus more!



**June 21: Planting for Wildlife** 10-11:30am. What can you do to provide for wildlife?



**June 23: Stories at the Marsh** 10-11am. A Gaggle of Geese. Stories and a craft!



**June 25: Horicon Marsh Paddle** 7:30am-1pm. Canoe or kayak the Canoe Trail at the Horicon Marsh Wildlife Area. Talk with interpreters stationed throughout the marsh to learn more! Contact 920-485-4663 for rentals. For more details go to [www.horiconmarsh.org](http://www.horiconmarsh.org). Free shuttle.



**June 27: Summer Bird Hike** 7:30-9am. Search for resident and nesting birds.



**June 28: Wetland Exploration** 10-11am. Grab a net and explore the waters of the marsh!



**July 5: Wetland Food Webs** 1-2pm. How do dragonfly larvae, ducks and mink fit into the marsh's complex food web?



**July 7: Martin Mania** 6:30-8pm. See why Purple Martins are dependent on man-made structures and what we can do to help.



**July 12: Mammoth Madness** 10-11am. Learn more about the giant beasts that once roamed the marsh.



**July 14: Stories at the Marsh** 10-11am. Mammoth Madness. Stories and a craft!



**July 16 & 17: EARTHcamp** 9am-3pm. Program for youth ages 7-12 years. Theme: Diggin' in the Dirt. Registration required. \$



**July 18: Walk a Mile in a Naturalist's Shoes** 10-11:30am. Create your own notebook as we search the trails for signs of wildlife.



**July 19: Archery** 10-11:30am. Opportunity to use NASP equipment for target archery.



**July 25: Bird Hike** 7:30-9am. Join the bird club president in search of summer birds.



**July 26: Nature Detectives** 1-2pm. Can you crack the case?



**July 28: Stories at the Marsh** 10-11am. Pond Splash. Stories and a craft!



**July 30 & 31: EARTHcamp** 9am-3pm. Program for youth ages 7-12 years. Theme: Living Lightly on the Land. Registration required. \$



**August 2: I Spy Marsh Birds** 10-11am. Grab a pair of our binoculars and hunt for birds!



**August 3: Open House for Educators** 10am-4pm. Learn about educational opportunities at Marsh Haven. Free admission.



**August 6: Outdoor Skills Day** 9:30am-12:30pm. Join DNR staff and volunteers to learn more about outdoor skills, including archery camp!



**August 9: Wild Edibles of the Marsh** 10-11am. To eat or not to eat, that is the question!



**August 11: Stories at the Marsh** 10-11am. Butterflies. Stories and a craft!



**August 15: Walk a Mile in a Warden's Shoes** 10-11:30am. How exactly do they keep our natural resources safe?



**August 16: Prairie Blooms Walk** 10-11am. View the prairies around the education center and learn about the different flowers and their benefits to wildlife.



**August 23: Explore Bowhunting** 10-11:30am. Fun activities for kids who are interested in bowhunting! Target archery will be included.



**August 25: Stories at the Marsh** 10-11am. Mammal Mania. Stories and a craft!



**August 27 & 28: EARTHcamp** 9am-3pm. Program for youth ages 7-12 years. Theme: Big Blue Planet Registration required. \$



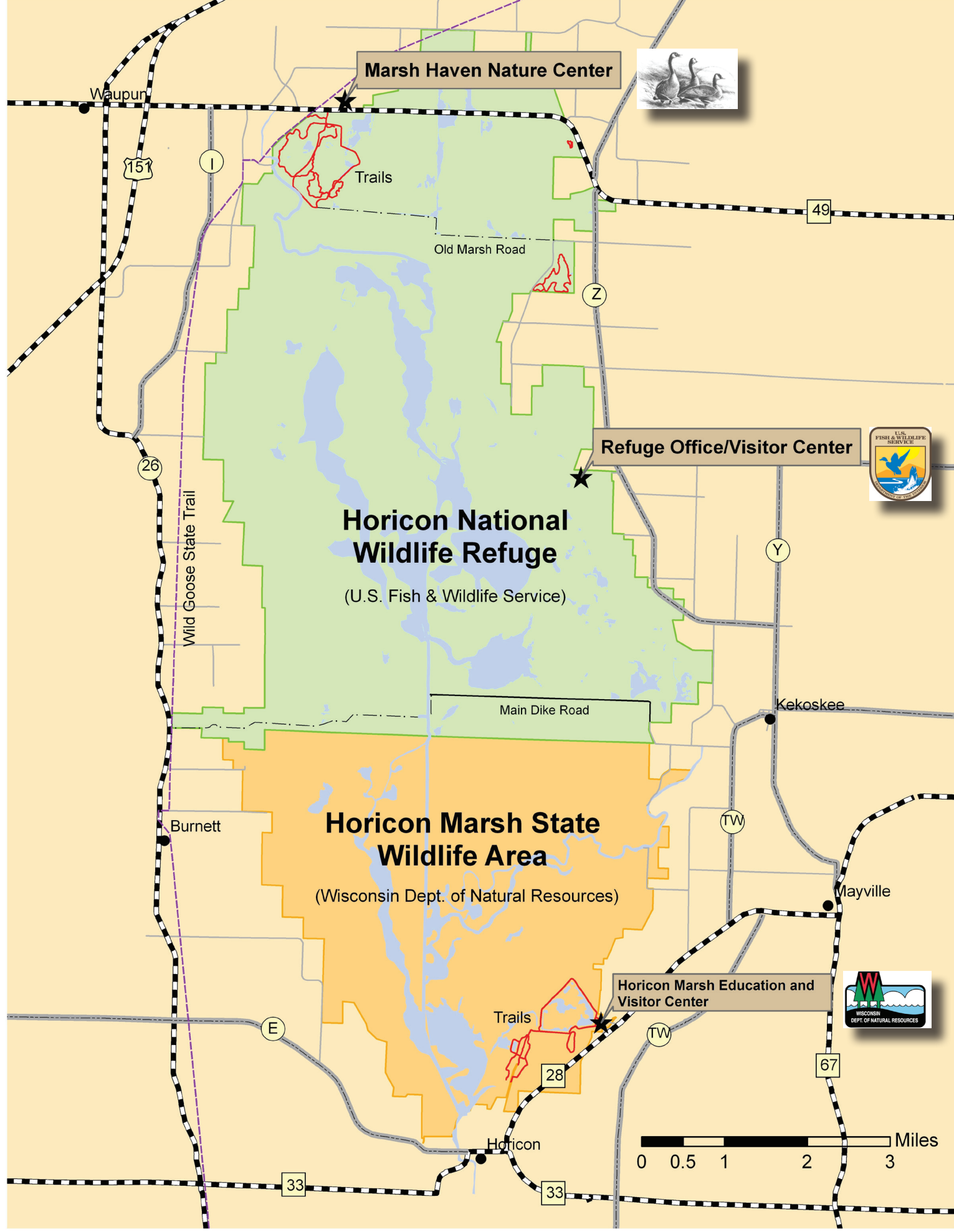
**August 27: Wild Women Workshop** 9am-3pm. A fun and hands-on workshop designed for women ages 18 and up, focusing on various outdoor skills. Pre-registration required.



**August 30: Monarch Tagging** 1-3pm. Catch monarchs and watch as DNR staff tag these magnificent migrants as they start their journey to Mexico.







The Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center is operated and owned by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. It is located on the southeast side of Horicon Marsh on Highway 28 between the cities of Horicon and Mayville.

The mission of the Friends of Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center is to provide financial and volunteer support for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources – Horicon Marsh’s efforts to educate visitors about the needs, values and uses of watersheds, wetlands and wildlife. For more information about the Friends group and calendar updates please visit [www.horiconmarsh.org](http://www.horiconmarsh.org) or call 920-387-7890.



Marsh Haven Nature Center is a non-profit nature center located on the north end of the Horicon Marsh, just three miles east of Waupun on Highway 49. It is an independent nature center run by volunteers and supported by a strong and loyal membership, small admission fees, grant funding, and support from businesses and other organizations. Visit [www.marshhaven.com](http://www.marshhaven.com) for more information and calendar updates.



The Horicon National Wildlife Refuge Office and Visitor Center is operated and owned by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It is located on the east side of the marsh just off of Highway Z.

The Friends of Horicon National Wildlife Refuge’s mission is to promote conservation, awareness, and appreciation of the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. For more information about the Friends group please visit <http://horiconnwrfriends.org/>.

### Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center

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Websites: [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) keyword search “Horicon”

[www.horiconmarsh.org](http://www.horiconmarsh.org)

Hours: Weekdays 9am-5pm

Weekends 10am-5pm

Closed on Major Holidays

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### Marsh Haven Nature Center

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Waupun, WI 53963

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Director’s mobile: 920-318-9518

Email: [director@marshhaven.com](mailto:director@marshhaven.com)

Website: [www.marshhaven.com](http://www.marshhaven.com)

Hours: Weekdays 12-4pm

Weekends 9am-5pm

Mid-April through Mid-December

Extended hours by appointment

### Horicon National Wildlife Refuge

Office/ Visitor Center

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Mayville, WI 53050

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[horiconnwrfriends.org](http://horiconnwrfriends.org)

Hours: April-November: Mon.-Sat. 9am-4pm.

(and Sundays in October) Open July 4, Labor

Day and Columbus Day.

(Closed all other federal holidays.)

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